

Due to Sinclair's size and the way in which it pervades so many states, it has a disproportionate voice in the ongoing cultural conversation. Its decision to force stations to preempt local programming to air anti-Kerry messages is an abuse of that power and of the public airwaves.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Blatant bias is not in the public interest. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard, and there needs to be a mechanism in place making media corporations accountable to the people they serve rather than just to their corporate sponsors. Thank you.